Advanced Placement (AP)

The Advanced Placement (AP) program provides high school students with the opportunity to engage with college-level material while still in high school. Students who participate in the AP program gain college-level skills, and in many cases, also earn college credit. T.C. Williams High School offers 33 AP courses, each organized to be equivalent to a first-year college course. All teachers teaching AP courses have undergone professional development and must annually submit course syllabi for audit to The College Board. Students who enroll in AP courses must take the end-of-course AP examination to demonstrate their levels of understanding of college-level knowledge and skills. Examinations are administered in May of each year. AP exam fees are paid for by ACPS (if student chooses to be absent for an AP exam, the fee must be reimbursed to ACPS). Examinations are scored on a five-point scale set by the College Board: 5 = extremely well-qualified; 4 = well-qualified; 3 = qualified; 2 = possibly qualified; and 1 = no recommendations. AP scores are sent to students, their designated colleges and their high school in July. Colleges that participate in the AP Examinations Program determine full or partial credit for scores of three or better.

Although most students who take AP examinations are enrolled in corresponding AP courses, any highly motivated and academically gifted student may take an AP examination in the subject areas of his/her choice.

Students enrolled in AP Science courses must also enroll in the AP Science Lab Seminar. This 1.0 elective credit co-requisite course is aligned with each AP Science course.

Note: See policies IGBI (PDF) and IKC (PDF).

The following is a list of AP courses that are expected to be offered during the 2021-22 school year:

AP COURSES

DEPARTMENT	T.C. WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL COURSE
English	AP English Language and Composition
English	AP English Literature and Composition
Fine and Performing Arts	AP Art History
Fine and Performing Arts	AP Music Theory
Fine and Performing Arts	AP Drawing
Fine and Performing Arts	AP 2-D Art and Design
Fine and Performing Arts	AP 3-D Art and Design
Mathematics	AP Calculus AB
Mathematics	AP Calculus BC
Mathematics	AP Computer Science A
Mathematics	AP Computer Science Principles
Mathematics	AP Statistics
Science	AP Biology
Science	AP Chemistry
Science	AP Environmental Science
Science	AP Physics 1

Science	AP Physics 2
Science	AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism; Mechanics
Science	AP Science Lab Seminar
Social Studies	AP Comparative Government and Politics
Social Studies	AP Economics
Social Studies	AP European History
Social Studies	AP Psychology
Social Studies	AP United States Government and Politics
Social Studies	AP United States History
Social Studies	AP Human Geography
Social Studies	AP World History: Modern
World Languages	AP Chinese Language and Culture
World Languages	AP French Language and Culture
World Languages	AP German Language and Culture
World Languages	AP Latin
World Languages	AP Spanish Language and Culture
World Languages	AP Spanish Literature and Culture
AP Capstone	AP Seminar
AP Capstone	AP Research